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SUMMARY: TURKS PUBLICIZE SUPPORT FOR FEDERALISM; MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES PREDICT CONSEQUENT DEADLOCK IN TALKS. TURK CYPRIOTS JUBILANT AT REPORTED SUPPORT FROM WORLD MOSLEM CONGRESS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING WEEKEND TURK AND TURK CYPRIOT SPOKESMEN CONTINUED RAISE FEDERAL ISSUE IN ONGOING PUBLIC DEBATE. RETURNING FROM ANKARA FEB 17, TURKISH CONSTITUTIONAL EXPERT ALDIKACTI SAID GREEK CYPRIOT CONCERNS OVER FEDERAL SYSTEM UNFOUNDED, CLAIMED THAT ITS ESTABLISHMENT WOULD SERVE AS GUARANTEE AGAINST PARTITION. AS RESULT ANKARA CONSULTATIONS, ALDIKACTI SAID HE AWARE THAT NEW UNCLASSIFIED

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TURKISH GOVT REGARDS FEDERAL ISSUE AS IMPORTANT; BUT DENIED

THIS REPRESENTS ANY CHANGE IN POLICY.

2. TURKISH AMB INHAN AVOIDED "FEDERAL" PHRASE, BUT INSISTED 1960 AGREEMENTS ESTABLISHED PARTNERSHIP SYSTEM. HE INTIMATED THAT GREEK CYPRIOT REACTION TO GOT FEDERAL PROPOSAL BASED ON CONTINUED DESIRE FOR ENOSIS. (INTER ALIA, INHAN CONFIRMED THAT TURKISH GRANT WOULD BE INCREASED BY OVER 20 PERCENT THIS YEAR.)

3. LOCAL TURKISH PAPERS ALSO PROMINENTLY REPORT GUNES CUMHURRIYET INTERVIEW, IN WHICH TURK FONMIN QUOTED AS ADVOCATING "DUAL ADMINISTRATION" FOR CYPRUS. HE REPORTEDLY STATED FEDERAL SYSTEM WOULD REFLECT REALITY OF TWO SEPARATE COMMUNITIES ON ISLAND.

4. IN ADDITION ABOVE, TURK CYPRIOT PRESS JUBILANT OVER WORLD MOSLEM CONGRESS EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION WHICH REPORTEDLY CONDEMNS "CHRISTIAN GREEK MAJORITY" FOR BESEIGING TURKISH COMMUNITY IMPOVERISHING MOSLEMS; AND COMPELLING THEIR EMIGRATION FROM CYPRUS. EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESOLUTION REPORTEDLY CONCLUDES THAT GREEK CYPRIOTS AIM TO "LIQUIDATE" ISLAMIC PRESENCE ON ISLAND. ALL MOSLEM STATES CALLED UPON TO USE THEIR GOOD OFFICES WITH GREEK AND CYPRIOT GOVTS AND TO AID THEIR BRETHREN "DEFENDING ONE OF LANDS OF ISLAM". (RESOLUTION, IF ACCURATELY REPORTED HERE, WOULD REPRESENT NOTABLE SUCCESS FOR RECENT TURK/TURK CYPRIOT POLICY OF CULTIVATING ARAB AND OTHER MOSLEM SUPPORT FOR CYPRUS ISSUE.)

5. PREDICTABLY, MAKARIOS AND CLERIDES HAVE SPOKEN OUT SHARPLY AGAINST FEDERATION. ARCHBISHOP IN TWO INTERVIEWS REJECTED TURK CYPRIOT DEMANDS FOR SEPARATISM, BRANDED RECENT GOT STATEMENTS ON FEDERATION AS HARDENING TURK LINE IN TALKS AND STRESSED THAT DEATH OF GRIVAS WILL NOT RPT NOT HASTEN AGREEMENT. CLERIDES HAS SIMILARLY NOTED THAT ATTEMPT AT FEDERAL-TYPE SOLUTION WILL BRING TALKS TO DEADLOCK "SOON". UNLIKE MAKARIOS BUT IN LINE WITH RECENT NATIONALIST DRAFT OF "AGON" AND UP, CLERIDES PLAYED UP CENTRAL ROLE OF ATHENS IN CYPRUS PROBLEM, ADDING THAT ATHENS WILL SOON TRANSMIT "SERIOUS DECISIONS" TO NICOSIA BASED ON LAGOCOS' EXTENDED TALKS.
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